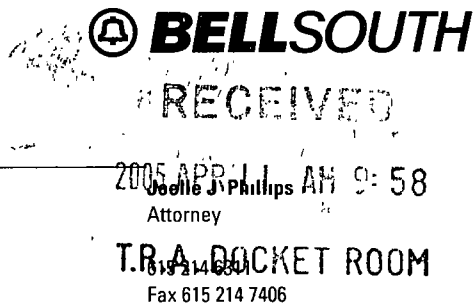


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April 11, 2005

Richard Collier, Esquire
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Re *BellSouth's Motion for the Establishment of a New Performance
Assurance Plan*
Docket No 04-00150

Dear General Collier

BellSouth writes in response to the Notice issued on April 7, 2005 regarding the Tennessee docket addressing the SQM/SEEMs plan. Since the February 18, 2005 Status Conference, the parties in this matter have been proceeding using the scheduled dates and the proposed schedule filed by CompSouth on January 21, 2005. The parties are currently awaiting an Order from the Hearing Officer in this matter to resolve motions to compel and motions to quash and also accepting the schedule as proposed by the parties. During both Status Conferences, the Hearing Officer indicated the intent of the parties that this matter would proceed to hearing in late April. The hearing during the week of April 25, 2005 is based upon the proposed schedule of CompSouth. In the absence of an Order from the Hearing Officer, the parties have been proceeding with those proposed dates for testimony, discovery, responses, etc. Indeed, Direct Testimony was filed by the parties on February 25, 2005.

While BellSouth believes the intent of the parties and the Hearing Officer has clearly been to proceed to a hearing in this matter, and in the time frame reflected by the proposed CompSouth schedule, BellSouth recognizes that this schedule has not been memorialized in an Order. BellSouth, therefore, respectfully requests that the schedule be set by an Order and, to the extent that a hearing is not feasible during the week of April 25, 2005 as proposed, that a hearing be set as soon thereafter as practicable.

Cordially,

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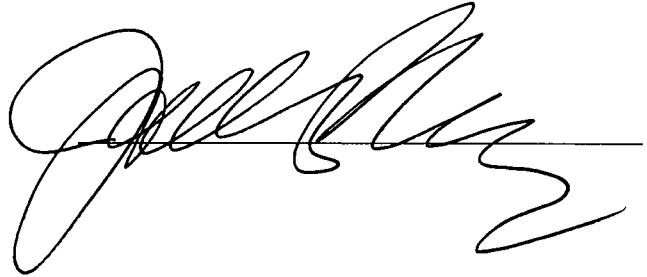
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